Mass Times

SATURDAY
4:00 PM at Lucernemines
6:00 PM at Coral

SUNDAY
9:00 AM at Coral
11:00 AM at Lucernemines

WEEKDAY
8:00 AM at Coral (Tues-Fri)

OFFICE HOURS
Mon thru Thurs 8am-1pm, 2pm-4pm
Friday 9am-12pm

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 26, 2025

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Coffee & donuts will be served after the 9 a.m. mass on Sunday, February 2.

Altar Rosary Society will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Lucerne church hall. The Rosary will be recited at 1:45 p.m. with the meeting to follow.

Pierogi help will be needed starting Sunday, Feb. 16 at 12:30-1:00 in Podowski Hall. Any and all qualified helpers will be welcome with open arms!!

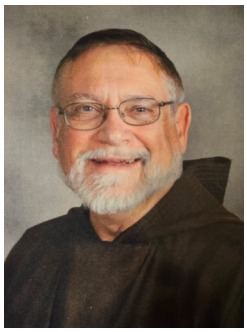
ARS famous Pierogi sale will be held Friday, Feb. 21 starting at 4 p.m. in Podowski Hall. Cost will be $12.00 per dozen.

Slacks – both Men's and Women's are BOGO this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana (jeans and white tagged slacks are excluded). The store is located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street with store hours Monday thru Saturday 10am-2pm. Donations are accepted 10am-1pm at the back door (as space allows).

The new ministry schedule has been emailed to altar servers, lectors, ushers and EMHC. There are additional copies in each of the sacristy's.

An Invitation for Young Men

All young men who are interested in exploring God's call and who are open to learning more about the Priesthood are invited to save the dates for Spring 2025 gatherings — the first Sunday of each month (Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4) at Saint John de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont. **The Melchizedek Project,** for young men ages 18 and older, will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and **Exploring God's Call**, for young men of high school age, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Each gathering will include prayer, discussion, and the sharing of helpful resources. For more information or to make your attendance plans known, please contact Father Dave Slusarick, Associate Director, Office for Priestly Vocations at dslusarick@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



Dear Parishioners.

A Newly Renewed Place for Pilgrimage

Last June, on the 30th, our parish **made a pilgrimage on a beautiful Sunday afternoon**, when we bused to Loreto to see four sites associated with the history of our Catholic Faith in the Allegheny mountains and as places in which our faith in Jesus still lives. We visited the Carmelite Nuns at their chapel and monastery; the impressive minor basilica of St. Michael where the tomb of Venerable Demetrius Gallitzin in located outside the front entrance of the church; the original chapel and residence for Demetrius; and the prayer gardens at the Franciscan Third Order Regular Friary. We sensed God blessing us in our visit, and we enjoyed the fellowship we shared.

Pilgrimages satisfy a spiritual longing to **connect with people and places** where others have experienced something of the spirit of God alive and active, at least for a time. This year all dioceses will encourage Catholics to make a pilgrimage, if possible, to the Holy City of Rome, to **experience anew the mercy of God at work** through a visit to the **Basilica of St. Peter** where the Pope opened the **special Holy Year Doorway, a portal to God's merciful forgiveness.**

A new place for an international pilgrimage: With all of the coverage of the pilgrimages to Rome – and with even our own Diocese sponsoring a trip there later in 2025, we may be surprised to learn that **last week the Vatican's Secretary of State**, **Cardinal Pietro Parolin**, a special diplomatic envoy of Pope Francis, arrived in Jordan to officially **dedicate a newly completed and constructed church** at the Jordanian site attested to **as the place of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptizer.** An impressive sanctuary has newly been constructed there to serve as a place for international pilgrimage.

Why visit this site in the state of Jordan? For one thing, the **state of Jordan** has been a **stable government for many years** and has also protected and valued its Christian citizens, so a pilgrimage here might rightly be expected to be **safe**, even when war goes on elsewhere, not so far away. However, Cardinal Parolin had more to say about this little piece of real estate: **"So many biblical events and figures meet here** that we could say that **this place embraces the entire expectation of the Old Testament as directed to the coming of Christ, the manifestation of the Father."** Cardinal Pietro Parolin made this observation last Friday at the *Al-Maghtas* Baptism site of the Lord on the Jordan River.

During his homily for the Mass for the long-awaited consecration of the church whose **cornerstone** was **blessed by Pope Benedict in 2009** in a visit accompanied by Jordan's King Abdullah, the Cardinal recalled that this has long been a place of pilgrimage, "for it was here that John the Baptist baptized Jesus, as we heard in today's Gospel." The place has also been known as **Bethany-beyond-the- Jordan.**

Calling the place "emblematic," Cardinal **Parolin said its geography "speaks to us."** "Here, we are at the **lowest point of the earth, but it is precisely here**," he insisted, "**that God came to meet us, as if to gather into his embrace also those from afar."** This message resonates with us recalling the **Incarnation as God bending low to us**.

The government of Jordan realizes that **Christians look for good and safe places** to which to become pilgrims; prudently, with a desire for economic development, Jordan hopes pilgrims will come to this newly completed shrine. **Jordanian Christians** see this shrine as **an important support for their 4% of their country's population.**

As for us, **our next brief pilgrimage as a parish** will probably be **held next June**, traveling to **some sacred sites in Pittsburgh**: **St. Anthony Chapel** with its huge collection of religious art and relics; **St. Nicholas Croatian Church** with its unique, magnificent murals covering all the interior walls; and **St. Patrick's** in the Strip (associated with the famous advocate for labor, Fr. Cox; not far from the sites associated with St. John Neuman and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; St. Patrick's also has one of three sets of the *Holy Stairs* in the United States). Fellowship afterwards in the Strip District.

Please pray for the peace of the Holy Land and for the whole region that Christians may once again thrive where they were first planted by the Lord.

Father John

Mass Intentions for January 25-February 2

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Deceased members of the Sober & Kerr Families .....(Terry Kerr)
Coral 6:00 pm ..... †Jemma Zicha (The Zicha Family)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
Coral 9:00 am ..... ProPopulo
Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Dennis Buggey (Teresa Buggey & Family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
Coral 8:00 am .....†Jason Feschuk (Terry Kerr)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
Coral 8:00 am .....†Joe Golba (Paula Martini & Joe Krejocic)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
Coral 8:00 am .....†Pauline Stachelczuk (The McHenry Family)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
Coral 8 am .....†Jack Dellafiora (Jerry & Cindy Michelone)

FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Lucernemines 8:00am .....†Nancy Baron (Peg McHenry)
Lucernemines 3:00-3:30pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †De Iezzi (Jenny Farabaugh)
Coral 6:00 pm ..... ProPopulo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2-The Presentation of the Lord
Coral 8:30 am .....Sacrament of Reconciliation
Coral 9 :00 am .....†Tom Oswald (The Stango Family)
Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Mary Alice Salerno (Fred & Toni Manfredi)

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:
Coral .....Robert E Ciranni (Vonnie O'Hara)
Lucernemines ..... Aldo & Katherine Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)

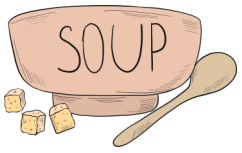
The Host is in memory of:
Coral ..... Frank & Mary Gatskie (The Gatskie Family)

The Wine is in memory of:
Coral .....Brian Gatskie (His Mother, Patty Call)

Jan 18-19	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	$6142.00
Votive Candle	$172.50
Maintenance	$190.00
Christmas	$30.00
Diocesan Collections	$20.00
Accent	$36.00
Special Collections	$545.44
Cemetery	$100.00
Families receiving envelopes—465	
Envelopes used this week—162	
Online giving this week—37	

Mass Attendance
Lucerne 4:00 pm—108
11:00 am—92
Coral 6:00 pm—58
9:00 am—127

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE



SS. SIMON & JUDE PARISH (155 N. Brady St., Blairsville) Will be holding a Soup Sale at the Parish Center on February 8, 2025 starting at 10 AM. Soups are: Potato, Stuffed pepper, Vegetable beef, Corned beef and Cabbage, Wedding and Chicken noodle. Soup will be sold by the quart for $9.00.

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for committed volunteers who would be interested in becoming a daily manager for one day a week at the Thrift Store. The daily duties would consist of greeting customers, running the register, closing the register and making the deposit. Store hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Our goal of this ministry is to help meet the emergency needs of those who are less fortunate living in Indiana county. If you feel this ministry will enrich your spiritual growth, please contact Sis Moorhead at 724-541-4431 or email sismoorhead1112@gmail.com.

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ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS…

Beginning at 6pm…PLEASE NOTE LOCATIONS EACH WEEK

Light refreshments provided; free will offering.

Wednesday, January 29th IN PODOWSKI HALL *JESUS THIRSTS: The Miracle of the Eucharist (Not Rated, 2024, Documentary, 1h30m)* Explores the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist through biblical origins, expert insights, and personal testimonies, revealing the Eucharist's transformative power for those who believe.

February 12th IN THE CORAL SOCIAL HALL *SERVANT OF ALL: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (Not Rated, 2011,Documentary, 58m)* Chronicles his family roots, his rise to fame as a radio and TV personality, his generosity to the poor, and his deep personal spirituality influencing countless lives.

February 19th IN THE CORAL SOCIAL HALL FINDING FAITH *(Not Rated, 2024, Drama, 1h39m)*

A Christian advice columnist begins to lose her faith after a series of life events.

FAITH FORMATION FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

All sessions are held in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines

January 26th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

February 2nd

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-12

February 9th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

Please donate cans of soup for our local Food Bank!

Bins will be located at the back of both parishes and in Podowski Hall.

February 16th

NO SESSIONS: President's Day Weekend

February 23rd

CIRCLE OF GRACE SESSIONS (Diocesan requirement)

Noon-2pm for Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm for Grades 6-12

ADULT ENRICHMENT

God is for Real by Todd Burpo (author of Heaven is for Real)

The Coral Social Hall will be the location for our upcoming enrichment sessions on the following Thursdays: 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27. The morning sessions will begin immediately following the 8am Mass; the evening sessions will begin at 6pm. A $10 donation will help to cover the cost of resources and refreshments. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

As a member of the Homer Center Elementary Cheerleading Squad, Quinn Garritano (5th grade) helped to create care bags and Christmas ornaments for residents at Moorhead Place in Indiana. Thanks for your service, Quinn!

FAITH FORMATION SNAPSHOTS

In honor of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our elementary students participated in our annual "Day of Service" on Sunday, January 19th. 4th/5th grade students made tie blankets which will be donated to Four Footed Friends along with dog and cat treats. Our students in grades K-3 created a variety of Valentine's Day gifts for our parishioners who are either homebound or residing in nursing homes. If you have a family member who is unable to attend Mass, please notify either Kitty Henry or Cindy Marcoline so that their name may be added to the list of those parishioners who receive special gifts and cards from our youth throughout the year.

Thanks to all of those who participated in our Youth Group's fundraiser at Hoss's on January 11th! We greatly appreciate your support!

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"Transformed," a gathering for all men of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be held Monday, Jan. 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon. The evening's theme will be "Eucharistic Intimacy: Coming heart to heart with the Eucharistic Christ," and will feature Tim Ruflin, Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship serving the parishes of New Kensington and Lower Burrell, as guest speaker. He previously served as Campus Minister at the University of Mount Saint Vincent in New York City and as a parish catechetical leader in the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. There will be time for reflection and discussion and an opportunity for adoration and reconciliation.

Violinist to perform Feb. 1 at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe

The Saint Vincent College Concert Series will present violinist Andrew Sords in concert with Michael DeBruyn, Pittsburgh Symphony cellist, Elizabeth DeMio, virtuoso pianist, and Daniel Singer, baritone, performing trios and showpieces by some of history's greatest composers Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (Robert Carey Student Center) at the college. Admission is free.

Jubilee pilgrimage with Bishop Larry J. Kulick March 25-April 5

You are invited to join Bishop Larry J. Kulick on a spiritual Pilgrimage of Hope to Rome, Orvieto and Assisi March 25-April 5, 2025. The pilgrimage promises to be a journey of renewal, faith and fellowship, and includes these unique highlights: papal audience with Pope Francis, the 24 Hours for the Lord Jubilee celebration, a special retreat day in the Italian countryside, daily Mass with Bishop Kulick, and opportunities for private guided tours, prayer and activities with personalized attention. Cost is $5,295 per person for double occupancy. There is also a Rome-only option for $4,195 per person. The full itinerary can be found at wetravel.com/trips/diocese-of-greensburg-jubilee-of-hope-pilgrimage-sensethesacredllc-79743927. Do not miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime experience. For information, visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/jubilee-of-hope-pilgrimage-2025/.